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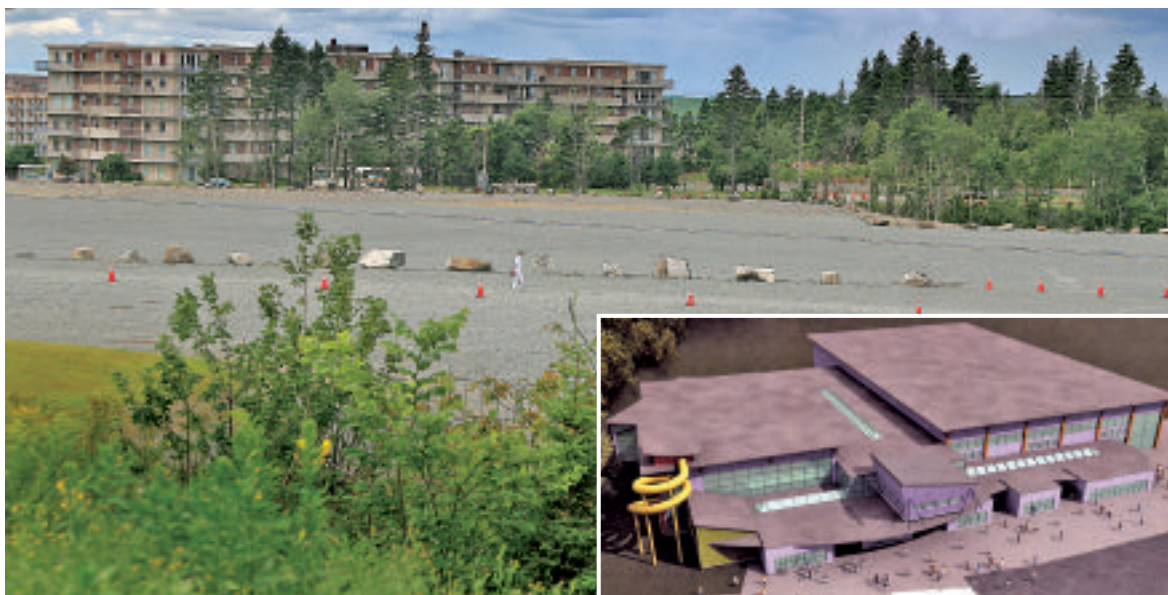
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Beijing protests hit Ottawa



The province and federal government announced an investment of up to \$12 million each yesterday for the Mainland Common Centre which will be built near the Keshen Goodman library. INSET: Architect's drawing of Mainland Common Centre.

Mainland Common gets \$40.5M athletic centre

Groundbreaking within days, construction to be done by 2010

JON TATTRE for Metro Halifax



Facility's features

The new facility will include:

- An eight-lane, 25-metre pool
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- Four gymnasium courts

Plans for a \$40.5-million Mainland Common Centre were greeted as a "bittersweet victory" in Halifax yesterday.

Susan Kirkland of Build it Right said the community group that fought hard to improve the centre was mostly pleased with the scope of the Clayton Park venue. "I think it's a fabulous facility," she said, "it really does look state-of-the-art for the dry-land component ... But I feel that aquatics has come up short. I can't help thinking it's a missed opportunity."

The group argues the fast-

growing Halifax West area will soon outgrow the 25-metre pool included in the plans.

The facility will be a primary venue for HRM's 2011 Canada Winter Games. The federal and provincial governments are each kicking in \$12 million, while \$2 million will come from private funding and the remainder from HRM. A separate \$1 million will go toward upgrad-

ing Centennial Pool.

"This project will provide an important facility to benefit athletes across the province and Canada," said ACOA minister Peter MacKay.

Premier Rodney MacDonald called it a "crown jewel" in provincial recreation facilities that will allow elite athletes to train here year-round.

Mayor Peter Kelly thanked

"the guys with the cheques" for helping bring the project to fruition. "It's a dream of lifetime for many," he said.

Groundbreaking should start within days and be completed by 2010.

Diana Whalen, the Liberal MLA who has long called for greater transparency in the plans, was pleased. She said the project started in 2002 with a budget of \$8 million.

"If the community had settled for what was presented three years ago, we wouldn't be seeing any of this today," she said. "The wait was worth it."

She said a "phase 2" should look at a new ice rink and a bigger swimming pool.



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Local



Ferry extends hours for Buskerfest

Dartmouthians looking for a little Buskerfest evening fun won't have any problems getting home. For the first week, the Alderney ferry will run past midnight, with the last departure from Halifax at 12:45 a.m. For more information, call 490-4000.

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Pictou County

Warning about robbery suspect

CRIME Pictou County residents are being warned not to approach a man involved in two robberies and a break-in over a two-hour period on the night of August 4-5. Police are considering the man "armed and dangerous" says Const. Ken MacDonald with the New Glasgow Police Service. "Do not approach him," MacDonald said. "We're classifying him as armed and dangerous." Instead, he's urging anyone who can identify the man thought to be responsible for armed robberies at the Needs store on East River Road and the Irving Mainway in Plymouth, to contact New Glasgow Police, the RCMP or Crimestoppers. **METRO HALIFAX**



Bruce Keith, owner of O'Carroll's restaurant and Irish pub, shows how easily the brick crumbles in the dining room yesterday.

O'Carroll's 'crumbling'

Pub owner slams heritage groups for opposing makeover

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The owner of O'Carroll's wants heritage advocates to get "off his bandwagon."

Bruce Keith says the proposed development on Upper Water Street will save, not destroy, the Imperial Oil Building, which houses his Irish pub and restaurant.

"The façade everyone is worried about is crumbling," Keith said.

The building is sinking, the systems are "obsolete at best" and the basement suffers from "incessant flooding."

"I'm worried we're going

to lose the whole building to decay if the project doesn't go through."

The Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia presented a petition to council Tuesday opposing Armour Group's Waterside Centre. It's a proposal to redevelop the block between Hollis, Duke and Upper Water Streets into a nine-storey retail and office building with underground parking.

Built on top of historic buildings, city staff say the project would preserve the façades. Sweet Basil's dining room, which is not a heritage property, would be demolished. A demolition permit has also been

"They're running around protecting people who don't want help."

O'Carroll's Bruce Keith

sought for O'Carroll's, though the plan is to try and renovate it first.

Keith says he's not worried about the demolition application. He has an agreement that the developer will "look after" him and his staff during construction.

He said the restaurant's historic interior is not original, and includes wood

salvaged from the old Capital Theatre, which the developer plans to include in the redesign.

Keith says the heritage group is out of line.

"They're running around protecting people who don't want help," he said.

"Write your letters, talk to city hall, but for God's sake if you want to involve someone's business ... you should at least talk to me and get my opinion."

City staff support the project, but two other citizens' groups — the District 12 Planning Advisory Committee and the Heritage Advisory Committee — oppose it.

Collision grounded Park 'N Fly

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A "perfect storm" of events left many Park 'N Fly customers wishing they had wings on Monday.

At about noon on Monday, the only working Park 'N Fly shuttle bus was pulled off the road after it was extensively damaged in a parking lot accident.

"The timing of the incident was unfortunate, almost like the perfect storm," Halifax Stanfield International Airport spokeswoman Karen Sinclair said.

The airport normally has three working Park 'N Fly buses and a backup van.

But on Monday two buses were in the shop when the accident happened. That left the airport with just a van.

"Normally we try to get people to the lot and back within 15 minutes, but there were sometimes on Monday when passengers may have waited for an hour," Sinclair said.

"We really regret the inconvenience that any passengers might have experienced."

Sinclair said two buses are back on the road now and a new bus is on order for September.

advice

- The airport recommends travellers use the Park 'N Fly during while construction of a new parking garage is underway.

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Canadian frigate off to fight pirates

JOHN TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Canada is deploying the frigate HMCS Ville de Quebec to the coastal region of Somalia for the next few weeks to fight pirates attacking UN World Food Program ships carrying life-saving supplies to the area.

Defence Minister Peter MacKay said NATO allies had asked for help in the drought-hit east-African country.

"As a result of the sadly despicable acts of piracy around ships bringing relief into Somalia, we will ... support that type of protection to see that food is delivered on time and safely to the people of Somalia," the minister said yesterday in Halifax.

He said much of the mission is deterrence and the frigate won't likely see direct action.

"Food supplies are urgently needed in Somalia, but deteriorating security



Peter MacKay

has made delivery difficult by land and sea," he added.

The Ville de Quebec had been in the Mediterranean and Black seas for a 5.5-month NATO mission. It is expected to return to Halifax just before Christmas.

More than 2.4 million Somalis rely on food aid, of which ninety per cent arrives by sea. While pirates have launched at least 24 attacks on vessels off Somalia's eastern and northern coasts this year alone, to date no escorted WFP ships have been targeted.

Eric Lerhe, a retired commodore who is a member of Dalhousie University's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, said there is an increased risk to the Canadian sailors, but the naval ship "is quite capable of defending itself."

Government seeks public input on health care

Concerned about what happens to your personal health information? The province wants your opinion on a new law designed to allow health records to follow you through public – and private – health care. Read it at www.gov.ns.ca/health/phia. **METRO HALIFAX**

A walk to remember, and for justice

Family, friends, supporters gather to draw attention to the unsolved case of Jonathan Reader

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They'll walk again tonight — on the third anniversary of Jonathan Reader's death.

The 19-year-old was found unconscious and suffering massive head injuries at 4:10 a.m. on Aug. 7, 2005. He was found at the corner of Dunbrack Street and Radcliffe Drive in Halifax, just one kilometre from home.

He died soon after in the hospital.

Three years later, police are still investigating and receiving information about the case, but there

have been no arrests.

On the anniversary, friends and family will meet at the corner where Reader was found for a candlelight vigil.

"I hope the walk will bring attention to the large impact that (his death) has had on his family, our lives and the lives of many others in the community at large. It will play to some guilt and some sort of decency for somebody who knows something to come forward," David Reader, Jonathan's father, said last year.

"Nothing is going to bring Jon back, but it would put a lot more peace in the world, and in our

"It would put a lot more peace in the world ... if that person was identified and brought to justice."

David Reader,
Jonathan's father

house especially, if that person was identified and brought to justice."

Police have pieced together some of what happened that night: Reader was seen leaving the Pacifico Bar and Grill on Salter Street in Halifax at 1:57 a.m. Video surveillance

showed him holding the hand of an unidentified woman.

Another security camera photographed Reader at the Dutch Village Road Esso station. He was alone when he bought a coffee and a bag of chips at around 3:20 a.m. It appears he was walking to his home, about four kilometres from the gas station.

The province put up a \$50,000 reward for information leading to an arrest in the case.

Anyone with information can contact investigators at 490-5333, or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Jonathan Reader was found unconscious with massive head injuries on Aug. 7, 2005. He later died in hospital.

Two injured in collision in Burnside

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ACCIDENT Two men are in hospital after a midday collision in Burnside yesterday.

A three-tonne sanitation truck turned into the path of a large dump truck on John Savage Drive yesterday at about 12:45 p.m., causing the crash.

Two men travelling in the dump truck — one in his 40s and the other in his 20s — were taken to the Dartmouth General Hospital with non-life threatening cuts to their heads.

The 40-year-old driver of the sanitation truck received a ticket for failing to yield to traffic having the right of way.

None of the trucks' contents spilled, though some fluid from the vehicles leaked onto the road.

NSP: Move wind projects up on list

POWER Nova Scotia Power has asked the province's Utility and Review Board for permission to move seven new wind projects up on its priority list.

The utility hopes the projects, including wind farms in Pictou and Antigonish counties, Digby and the Tantramar Marsh, will be built by 2009. Nova Scotia Power gets just 60 megawatts of power from wind; these projects would give it 246 megawatts.

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Tunes at Noon **Quartet in the Parade**



The four members of the all-female classical group, The Sakura Quartet, perform during Tunes at Noon in Grand Parade yesterday. The free lunchtime series continues today with bluegrass artist David Bradshaw and tomorrow with folksinger Steven Bowers.

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Atlantic Liberals end their retreat

POLITICS The Atlantic contingent of the federal Liberal caucus has ended its summer retreat. The MPs, senators and candidates had gathered in Digby to discuss election plans. MP Robert Thibault said they talked about maintaining the Air Canada base in Halifax and making the "14 best weeks" EI pilot program a permanent addition.

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News in brief

THREAT Here's a new trick: writing a bomb threat on the bathroom wall. Someone did just that at Online Support on Brownlow Avenue yesterday, forcing workers to be evacuated at 1:14 p.m. It turned out to be about as reliable as, well, as stuff on the bathroom wall usually is. Employees went back to work two hours later.

ACCIDENT A Halifax Regional Police officer suffered minor injuries Tuesday night after another car cut off a police cruiser. The officer was going south on Windsor Street at 11:30 p.m. when a vehicle turned from Young Street to Bayers Road, ending up in a head-on collision. The driver got a ticket. Both cars were badly damaged, and the driver and passenger of the other vehicle were treated on scene.

ASSAULT Police are looking for two thieves who grabbed a woman from behind, threw her to the ground and punched her at about 12 a.m. Wednesday. The woman was walking in the area of Robie and North streets when the thieves approached, taking her bags and her purse. She couldn't identify the suspects.

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Score it: Beaches 2, bacteria 0

Black Rock Beach, Dingle Tower Beach open for summer fun — again

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Two harbour beaches were reopened yesterday after concerns of high bacteria counts.

Black Rock Beach and the Dingle Tower Beach were closed on Sunday as a precaution — a day after they were officially reopened to the public.

The city shut them down because heavy rainfall can

flush out enough broken-down sewage to raise bacteria levels. No labs were open over the long weekend to confirm the counts.

But tests showed bacteria levels from samples taken on Monday and Tuesday were well below swimming guidelines, said Purcell's Cove-Armdale Coun. Linda Mosher.

When asked if the closing was an embarrassment since the beaches were only opened a day before,

"I can't control the weather."

Mayor Peter Kelly

Mayor Peter Kelly said it's just mother nature.

"I can't control the weather," he said.

He said it was no different than those closures which occasionally afflict other swimming holes such as Lake Banook.

"I know that we have done the right thing in

cleaning the harbour. I still think it's a great resort, and a great asset."

Mosher said she's thrilled to have the beach open at Dingle Tower after decades of closure.

"Everybody I've been speaking to in the past few days are so excited there's swimming there," she said.

"It's one of the biggest accomplishments that's happened in my district since I remember."

WITH FILES FROM JON TATTRE

Another man tested for Lyme disease

HEALTH A second Truro man is getting tested for Lyme disease after being bitten by a tick.

John Okell was recently bitten twice but did not notice the bites immediately.

"I didn't feel it biting me ... I haven't been in really high vegetated areas ... just around the neighbourhood and walking the dog," said the Roosevelt Avenue resident. "It must have been on me for a few days because it was itchy, painful and there was a bulls-eye mark" just above his waist.

Okell also visited a local walk-in clinic, received antibiotics and the affected area is now healing. Bloodwork has been done to check if there are any signs of Lyme disease, but Okell believes he is in the clear.

The Truro Daily News also recently spoke with Hilden's Don Hamilton, who was bitten by a tick. He passed the tick to specialists and since then it has been verified that the pest was a carrier for Lyme disease. **THE TRURO DAILY NEWS**

Buzz about jackpot

\$43-million draw boosts lottery sales around Halifax

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Record-breaking jackpots always bring out the skeptics.

Line-ups were long at some lottery ticket counters in Halifax yesterday as people dreamt about what they would do with \$43 million.

"I don't normally buy lottery tickets — I save my money — it was big so I couldn't resist," said Joanne Duff of Halifax.

She said she'd pay off all her bills, take a few trips and buy a new car if she won it.

Gary Carter said he only buys a ticket when the pot is over \$10 million.

"I have to make it worth my while," he said.

An estimated 500,000 tickets were sold in Atlantic Canada for the draw last night.

"And 60 per cent of sales happen on the draw date," said Tracy Kenney, an Atlantic Lottery Corporation



Manuel Diaz picks up a 6/49 lottery ticket in Halifax yesterday. Line-ups were long at some ticket outlets because of a record-breaking jackpot of \$43 million.

spokeswoman.

At \$43 million, it's the largest advertised 6/49 jackpot in 26 years. Kenney said \$54 million was won by a bunch of oil workers in Alberta in 2005, but it was ad-

vertised lower than that and pushed up by last-minute ticket sales.

It took five winless draws to get the jackpot this high, and Kenney could only speculate how high it

would go if the streak continues.

"For example, last week it was \$36 million and it went up to \$43 million, so we anticipate it will go to at least to the high-40s."

Cumberland Special events aid tourism

TRAVEL There may be fewer licence plates from out of province on Nova Scotia roads this summer, but it hasn't affected some Cumberland County tourist attractions. Ann Newman, executive director of the Anne Murray Centre in Springhill, said special events held this summer gave the centre more publicity and might have helped bring in more visitors than last year.

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Environment Ministers promote green community

JOGGINS FOSSIL CLIFFS There's a vital link between a healthy environment and a healthy economy. Visiting the Joggins Fossil Cliffs and Interpretive Centre on Tuesday, Environment Minister Mark Parent and Economic Development Minister Angus MacIsaac joined together to promote the benefits of a green community.

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The Conservative government's pledge for a stable funding program for the Canadian military will actually result in less money for the cash-strapped Forces because of inflation, a Senate committee released yesterday said. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



More charges for teacher

Prosecutors in Virginia unsealed another 17-count indictment against a Montreal private-school teacher yesterday, bringing to 27 the charges against him in a child-sex sting set up by police in Fredericksburg, Va. Richard Doucet, 36, a teacher at Westmount's prestigious Selwyn House, was arrested in early May, after he was arrested by an undercover officer who had been posing online as a 13-year-old boy. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Bags of petitions stream in

Human rights groups continue to protest Beijing Games

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

On the eve of the Beijing Olympics, Ottawa demonstrators made a last effort yesterday to improve the human rights situation in China before the games begin.

A handful of protesters calling for a free Tibet chained themselves to the gate of Ottawa's Chinese embassy on St. Patrick St., while Amnesty International officials tried to deliver petition cards signed by Canadians demanding that China keep its pre-Olympic promise to address human rights complaints.

The Chinese govern-



Lindsay Mossman, a campaigner for Human Rights Asia and Amnesty International, attempts to deliver bags full of petitions signed by thousands of Canadians to the Chinese Embassy on St. Patrick Street in Ottawa yesterday.

ment promised to improve human rights if they won the 2008 Olympics and

Amnesty is holding them to it, said David Kelleher, president of Amnesty In-

ternational Canada.

The campaign was to protest the lack of fair trials, media censorship, repression of activists and to stop executions, which numbered 6,000 in China last year.

Amnesty spokeswoman Lindsay Mossman said 65,000 people across Canada have sent postcards or e-mails and signed petitions over the last year, indicating their support for Amnesty's cause.

Kelleher had requested to meet with the Chinese ambassador about 10 days ago.

He never heard back, despite a follow up call days later.

The protest ended without any arrests.

Vancouver torch to stay on Canadian soil

OLYMPICS The Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics will not stage an international torch relay to avoid any potential worldwide protests, the Games chief John Furlong said yesterday.

"The torch relay will be announced at the end of this year. It will only be in Canada," Furlong said of the 35,000 kilometre domestic relay that will last 106 days.

"We see this as a way for every Canadian to come face to face with the Games," he told an IOC session.

The IOC have decided to review the torch relay after the Beijing 2008 Games international leg turned into a weeks-long demonstration by activists against China's human rights



Elvis Stojko leads a Human Rights Torch Relay protesting the Beijing games.

record and its policies in Sudan's Darfur region and Tibet.

Major violent demonstrations marred the London and Paris legs of the relay while protests were also held in several other cities. REUTERS

B.C. woman mauled in unprovoked bear attack

BLACK BEAR A woman was recovering from bite wounds after she was mauled by a bear while gardening outside her house in a suburb of Vancouver yesterday, police said.

The 35-year-old woman was in the front yard of her house in Coquitlam, British Columbia, when the animal attacked her, apparently without provocation, neighbors and police said. Neighbors who heard the woman's screams threw rocks at the bear to make it stop its attack. The animal was later shot and killed by a police officer. Black bears often wander down from the mountains

into some of Vancouver's suburbs in search of food but attacks on humans are extremely rare.

They are normally shy and back away, so we don't know what happened in this incident," Royal Canadian Mounted Police Corporal Tony Farahbakchian said,

adding that the attack was considered "an isolated incident".

The woman was hospitalized in serious condition with bite wounds to her arms and skull, but the injuries were not considered life threatening.

REUTERS

A lucky day to get married

KRISTEN THOMPSON
Metro Canada

SUPERSTITION Tomorrow is said to be a lucky day to get married and Fred Lee and Shauna Walker, who are tying the knot in Vancouver, say they've already had nothing but good fortune leading up to their big day.

Lee, 36 and Walker, 30 won a contest to have their wedding at Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Garden.

"Eight, eight, eight is a very lucky day, especially in Chinese culture," said Sacha Chin, who organized the couple's wedding ceremony.

Lee and Walker had been runners up in the contest, and their first lucky break came when the winning couple had to cancel.

"Our caterers ... were already booked to do a wedding but ... were willing to help us out and decided to cater our wedding as well," said Walker.

"We've just been lucky," she added.

Ryan Wales and Charlotte Whale, who are getting married in Cranbrook, started planning their wedding a year and a half in advance to be sure they could to tie the knot on Aug. 8.

"Everybody remembers



Charlotte Whale, 27, is getting married in Cranbrook, B.C., tomorrow on what is considered a lucky day by some.

when our wedding is," said Wales, 29, who met his fiancée while they were undergraduates at the University of B.C.

"The cake person and decorator, we had to book way ahead of time or it was going to be pretty difficult (to get them)."

Court denies Schreiber his review

EXTRADITION A federal court dismissed a request yesterday from German-Canadian arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber for a judicial review of a decision relating to a 2004 extradition order.

Schreiber has been

fighting extradition to Germany for years, and has filed numerous applications in Canadian courts to appeal Ottawa's decision.

Federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson declined to accept further submissions from Schreiber in March 2008, saying they raised no new issues. Schreiber had sought a judicial review of the minister's decision.

But a three-judge panel of the Ontario Court of Appeal said it did not accept any of Schreiber's arguments, and concluded that Nicholson's response "was adequate." The Ontario decision noted that it was Schreiber's fourth request for a judicial review; all having been dismissed. REUTERS

News in brief

DION Elections Canada has given Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion until the end of next year to pay \$690,000 in outstanding loans from his 2006 leadership campaign. The federal electoral agency gave the same deadline last month to eight other politicians

cent stake in the colorful Canadian acrobatic troupe Cirque du Soleil, furthering the desert city's plans to expand its tourism appeal.

HELICOPTER CRASH Four people were killed when their helicopter crashed in British Columbia yesterday in the second multiple-fatality air accident on the Pacific coast this week. METRO CANADA

ACROBATICS Two government-owned investment firms in Dubai have acquired a 20 per-

New Yorkers favour a millionaire's tax: Poll

New York State voters support increasing the income tax on millionaires by a margin of 78 per cent to 18 per cent, according to a poll released yesterday. A majority of Republicans also backed a higher tax on millionaires by a margin of 56 per cent to 36 per cent, according to the survey by Quinnipiac University. **REUTERS**

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World

Eye spy a new camera

Borrowing one of nature's best designs, U.S. scientists have built an eye-shaped camera using standard sensor materials and say it could improve the performance of digital cameras and enhance imaging of the human body. The device might even lead to the development of prosthetic devices including a bionic eye, they said. **REUTERS**

Anthrax suspect dead, U.S. says

Army researcher killed himself last week

An Army scientist who committed suicide last week was solely responsible for the 2001 U.S. anthrax attacks that killed five and shook a nation reeling from the Sept. 11 hijackings, authorities said yesterday.

Federal court documents outlined the government's case against U.S. Army researcher Bruce Ivins, casting him as an anthrax expert beset by paranoia who faced pressure over a stalled anthrax vaccine project.

Ivins killed himself before he could be charged with committing the letter-borne attacks.

Ivins's attorneys maintained his innocence, but prosecutors said the case will be closed.

"We believed that,

The case against Ivins

• A U.S. Army scientist, just a few days before the 2001 anthrax attacks, sent an e-mail warning that Osama "bin Laden terrorists" had anthrax and sarin gas and included language similar to that in the anthrax letters, ac-



Ivins

cording to court documents unsealed yesterday. The court documents also said the scientist, Bruce Ivins, had a large flask of highly purified anthrax spores that were found to be identical to the anthrax used in the attacks.

based on the evidence we had collected, we could prove his guilt to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt," Jeffrey Taylor, U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, told a news conference at the Justice Department.

Critics said the case was built on circumstantial evidence and cited missteps

in the nearly 7-year probe, including the initial focus on another Army scientist, Steven Hatfill, at the same biodefence research laboratory in Fort Detrick, Maryland. Hatfill never was charged and the government agreed to pay him a nearly \$6-million settlement.

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Paris Hilton is seen in this undated publicity image from a video in response to Republican candidate John McCain's television advertisement.

Hilton 'totally ready' to lead

POLITICS Socialite Paris Hilton has jumped into the U.S. election campaign, calling Republican candidate John McCain a "wrinkly white-haired guy" and offering her own energy policy.

Hilton, dressed in a leopard print swim suit and gold pumps, jokingly declared her own candidacy in a video on the website Fun-

ny or Die, saying: "I want America to know that I'm, like, totally ready to lead."

She was responding to a television ad by McCain, 71, that used her image to attack Democratic rival Barack Obama.

The 27-year-old socialite said McCain's use of her in the ad, which sought to undermine Obama by likening

his popularity to her celebrity, had effectively put her in the race for the top U.S. office.

She also unveiled an energy plan saying, "we can do limited offshore drilling with strict environmental oversight while creating tax incentives to get Detroit making hybrid and electric cars."

REUTERS

U.S. condemns Mauritania coup

POLITICS The United States condemned a coup in Mauritania yesterday and urged the military to release the president and prime minister.

"We call on the military to release President Sidi Mohamed Ould Cheikh Abdallahi and Prime Minister Yahya Ould Ahmed Waghef and to restore the ... democratically elected government," Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said in a statement.

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Osama's driver acquitted of conspiracy

GUANTANAMO BAY A military court yesterday convicted Osama bin Laden's driver of supporting terrorism, but acquitted him on the more serious charge of conspiring with al-Qaida in the first U.S. war crimes

trial since World War Two.

The trial of Yemeni captive Salim Hamdan at the remote U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba was the first full test of the controversial tribunal authorized by the Bush ad-

ministration to try foreign captives on terrorism charges outside the regular U.S. court system.

As the subsequent sentencing hearing began, the judge called Hamdan "a small player."

REUTERS

News in brief

BIRDFLU Thirteen people from a village in Indonesia's North Sumatra province have been hospitalized after suffering symptoms of bird flu, a media report said yesterday.

THE HAGUE Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic demanded yesterday that former U.S. peace mediator Richard Holbrooke and ex-Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright appear at the U.N. war crimes tribunal to back his claims of a 1996 immunity offer from the United States that hinged on disappearing from public life.

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Ford says it will introduce its Blind Spot Mirror this fall as standard equipment on the 2009 Ford Edge, a year ahead of schedule. The mirror is a traditional side view mirror with a secondary convex spotter in the top outer corner. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Business

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Polo Ralph Lauren posts high profit

FASHION Polo Ralph Lauren Corp. said net income rose 8 per cent to \$95.2 million in the last quarter.

Polo's high-end customers are usually less wounded by a weak economy.

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Magna's profit drops as sales slip

AUTO PARTS Magna International reported a 13 per cent drop in quarterly earnings to \$227 million as increases in European and "rest-of-world" sales were offset by reductions in North America.

REUTERS

Bell bags subscribers

Parent BCE earnings tumble

BCE Inc.'s second quarter results have given analysts comfort that the company's \$52 billion privatization will be completed as planned, but continued losses in the telephone business highlight the challenges facing the new owners as they attempt to right the slumping giant.

The Bell Canada Inc. parent said yesterday that earnings for the period fell to \$392 million from a year-earlier \$700 million. Observers noted that Bell beat expectations in the key wireless sector even as rival Rogers Communications stole head-

Bleeding clients

- Bell lost 125,000 landline subscribers last quarter.
- It also lost 7,000 business customers and 1,000 Internet subscribers.

lines by capturing a deal to sell Apple Inc.'s popular iPhone device in Canada.

Bell said net subscribers additions grew by 32 per cent to 83,000 over the three-month period while wireless network and equipment revenue grew by 9 per cent and 36 per cent as customers upgraded to smartphone devices.

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Time Warner plans to split AOL

DIAL-UP Time Warner Inc. said it would split AOL's dial-up Internet and advertising businesses into separate divisions, a move that could make a sale or merger of either business easier.

The split underscores its focus on creating content rather than distributing it. The company also plans to shed its cable services division by the end of the year.

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Flag raised

Canada held its flag-raising at the Olympic Athletes Village, a couple of blocks from the main Olympic complex. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Beijing Games

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Track stars racing to the top

'We're going to do whatever it takes,' teammates say

MARTY YORK
Metro Canada

Canada's track and field team has been shut out from Olympic medals since the glory days of Donovan Bailey back in 1996, but the drought could end this month.

That's because Canada has not one — but two — runners with authentic medal hopes. Both Tyler Christopher and Gary Reed, close friends with similar backgrounds, are generally perceived to be fast enough to possibly make it to the podium in Beijing.

Christopher, of Chilliwack, B.C., holds the Canadian record for the 400 metres. Reed, of Victoria, B.C., won the silver medal for the 800 metres at the world championship in Japan last year.

"We're tough little bastards and we don't take s-

from anybody, and we're climbing our way to the top," Christopher said.

"It doesn't matter how hard it is. We have a goal that's set in front of us and we're going to do whatever it takes to achieve these goals."

Reed suffered a setback on July 26, when he fell during a race in England and failed to finish. Only a week earlier, the 26-year-old speedster had won the 800-metre race at a meet in Belgium, recording his fastest time of the season — 1:44.46.

In Athens four years ago, Reed ran out of gas in the semi-finals, claiming he was mentally exhausted. He's eager to prove he can overcome any adversity in Beijing.

"Trust me, nobody in the media wants to win a medal more than I do, I can guarantee that," Reed said recently. "I'm the one



Gary Reed, left, and Tyler Christopher are both aiming to medal in Beijing this month.

who gets up in the morning and goes and trains. I want it bad."

Christopher and Reed developed a close bond after they discovered they both grew up in difficult circumstances, raised by single mothers in near poverty.

"We've made it this far, against the odds," Christopher said. "We know we can go further now."

Christopher, 24, started

running 15 years ago because, he said, "my mom wanted to put me in something where I could burn off the excess energy I had. Next thing you know, I started winning races."

Christopher left B.C. at the age of 17 to pursue track in Edmonton, where he had access to better facilities and coaching.

In his 2004 debut, he posted a record-setting qualifying time of 45.25,



PHOTOS BY MIKE CASSESE/REUTERS

but was two weeks past the deadline to make the Canadian Olympic team — which meant he could not compete in Athens.

He's counting on the advice and experience of his buddy Reed to help him flourish in Beijing.

"Gary won't let himself get mentally exhausted this time," Christopher said, "and he promised he won't let me get that way, either."

China History



The Johnson & Johnson Olympic Pavilion — featuring the famed Qin Shi Huang Terracotta Warriors, above — was unveiled in Beijing yesterday. The exhibit will be open to visitors to the Olympic Green for the duration of the Games.

Two Canadians added to singles

TENNIS Two Canadians were added to the singles draw in Olympic tennis event yesterday.

23-year-old Frank Dancevic from Niagara Falls, and New Brunswick's Frederic Niemeyer, who is also competing in doubles with Toronto's Daniel Nestor, were named to replace players that had withdrawn from the Olympics. Germany's Rainer Schüttler and Jiri Vanek of the Czech Republic were also named as injury replacements.

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Tomorrow's lineup

GOING FOR GOLD "I'd trade every world championship for one Olympic gold medal," says Kyle Hamilton, captain of the Canadian men's eight rowing team. Pick up tomorrow's Metro for more.

1 day remains until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.



Canada's Candace Chapman celebrates after scoring against Argentina in Tianjin, China, yesterday.

Debut a success as Canada beats Argentina

Canada's debut in Olympics women's soccer was a success: Canada beat Argentina 2-1 yesterday in the first competitive event of the Beijing Games.

Goals by Candace Chapman in the 27th minute and Kara Lang in the 71st gave Canada a comfortable margin and allowed the Canadians to withstand an 85th minute counter by Argentina's Ludmila Manicler.

"Obviously we didn't play as well as we would have liked to but it's the first

game of the Olympics," said Christine Sinclair. "We were a little nervous, a little anxious but we always say the first game in a tournament is the hardest to get a result in."

The game was played in stifling heat — with temperatures of about 35C at kickoff — strength-sapping humidity and under a cloud of grey, polluted, stagnant air that's been the trademark of the run-up to the Games.

"I think (it was a factor)

just in the sense that you'll start to feel a bit more tired earlier on in the game than you would in another environment," said Lang. "But ... it's something that both teams have to deal with so I don't think it's necessarily going to change the game too much or the outcome of the game."

The win is huge boost for Canada's hopes of qualifying for the quarter-finals of the 12-country tournament. There are three four-

team pools in the tournament with the top two in each pool qualifying for the quarter-finals along with the two best third-place teams.

Canada faces China on Saturday and completes its first-round on Tuesday in Beijing against Sweden.

The victory did not come without a cost, though; Melissa Tancredi, a key forward, left after just 41 minutes with an apparent left ankle injury.

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The New York Jets continued their active push to acquire Brett Favre, ESPN.com is reporting. A league source told ESPN's Sal Paolantonio yesterday that the Jets have offered a fourth-round pick to the Packers. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers are also in trade talks. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Esks' Ray wins weekly honours

Edmonton quarterback Ricky Ray, left, was named CFL Offensive Player of the Week yesterday. He was joined in Week 6 honors by a pair of Toronto Argonauts' defensive end Jonathan Brown and return specialist Dominique Dorsey. Ray completed 23-of-30 passes for a league-best 392 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Eskimos to a 35-24 win over the British Columbia Lions at Commonwealth Stadium.

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St. Pierre faces 'bad dude'

UFC boss White impressed with MMA growth in Canada

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As president of the UFC, Dana White didn't feel particularly threatened from a business standpoint last month when Affliction staged a Pay-Per-View show featuring highly touted Russian fighter Fedor Emelianenko head-to-head with a UFC event.

"Those guys sell t-shirts for a living," referring to Affliction. "Do you know how many f---ing t-shirts you'd have to sell to get \$4 million back," a reference to the price they paid to bring Emelianenko to North America.

In a one-on-one interview with Metro, White also discussed UFC 87 this weekend, which features Canadian Georges St. Pierre defending his welterweight title against Jon Fitch. White admits St. Pierre is in tough against Fitch — who has won his last eight fights — he gives the Canadian his due.

"I don't think people realize the fight he's in this weekend," White said of St. Pierre. "Jon Fitch is a bad dude, but if George



Dana White the brains behind the incredibly successful Ultimate Fighting Championship is impressed at how many Canadians have embraced mixed martial arts.

can walk through him like he has everybody else, it'll be impressive."

It will be St. Pierre's first bout since defeating Matt Serra at UFC 83 in Montreal in April, and he isn't tak-

ing the fight lightly either. "He's a very, very tough guy," said St. Pierre of Fitch. "He may be my toughest fight yet."

Other bouts on the card Saturday in Minneapolis

include Kenny Florian vs. Roger Huerta, which White suggests "may be the fight of the year," and football player-turned-wrestler turned MMAer Brock Lesnar returning to the Octagon against Heath Herring.

White also heaped praise on Canadian UFC and Mixed Martial Arts fans in general.

"When we bought this company, it was a no-brainer to me that the U.S., Mexico and the U.K. would all be big fight fans, he said. "I never, in a million years thought Canada would as big as it has been for us."

On the topic of bringing another UFC event back to Canada, White knows there are still legal hurdles in provinces such as Ontario.

"We're working on that," he said. Having seen several U.S. states come around and sanction UFC events under his watch, he's confident the rest of Canada will eventually follow suit. "We're going to keep pushing, and we're going to open up every province here in Canada. We're looking at it like we looked at the United States."



Toronto Blue Jays Adam Lind is safe at the plate in the seventh inning despite the efforts of Oakland Athletics catcher Kurt Suzuki in last night's game. The Jays beat the A's 5-1.

Jays' Marcum gets his groove back

BLUE JAYS 6 ATHLETICS 1

MLB Shaun Marcum had a no-hitter through five innings and Rod Barajas hit a three-run home run, as the Toronto Blue Jays topped the struggling Oakland Athletics, 5-1, in the third contest of a four-game set.

Marcum (6-5) gave up one run on just three hits over seven innings, while fanning seven and walking two en route to the win. Adam Lind had two of the four hits for Toronto, which has won three straight and four of five.

Gio Gonzalez (0-1), whose contract was purchased from Triple-A Sacramento

earlier Wednesday, made his major league debut for the A's. But he took the loss as he gave up four runs on four hits through six-plus innings of work. Bobby Crosby homered for Oakland, which has dropped a season-high nine straight contests.

The Blue Jays got on the board, 3-0, in the first inning. Alex Rios clubbed a two-out double, Lyle Overbay drew a walk and Barajas cleared the table with a long three-run homer to left field.

Crosby broke up Marcum's no-hit bid in the sixth inning with a leadoff home run.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Washington Capitals signed center David Steckel to a one-year extension yesterday that will keep him under contract through the 2009-10 season. Steckel, 26, had five goals and seven assists in 67 games for the Caps last season.

NBA The Cincinnati Bengals and linebacker Keith Rivers

agreed to a contract, ending a nine-day holdout by the ninth overall pick in the draft. The deal is for five years worth a reported \$23 million.

NBA The New York Yankees placed star pitcher Joba Chamberlain on the 15-day disabled list with a stiff right shoulder yesterday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Europe favourites for Ryder: Azinger

GOLF The absence of the injured Tiger Woods from next month's Ryder Cup has bolstered Europe's status as favorites, according to U.S. captain Paul Azinger. World No. 1 Woods was sidelined following reconstructive knee surgery. **REUTERS**

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Nova Scotia wins its first game at fastball championship

Larrys River resident Patrick Avery drove in five runs, including four in the eighth inning, to help Nova Scotia win its first game at the Canadian midget boys fastpitch championship in Brantford, Ont. Nova Scotia beat Newmarket 8-4 and now has a 1-3 record. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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14-year-old Irene Jung is currently in sixth place out of 113 golfers after two rounds at the Canadian Junior Boys and Girls Championships. The Nova Scotia girls team sits in sixth place. The boys are currently in fifth, led by Digby's Eric Locke who is 14th out of 156 golfers in the individual competition.

Jung sits in sixth place at nationals

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GOLF Nova Scotia's junior golfers sit in the middle of the pack in the early rounds of the Canadian Junior Boys and Girls Championships.

On the girls side Nova Scotia sits in sixth place after two rounds with a score of plus-65. British Columbia leads the pack at 12 over par.

Nova Scotia's girls team consists of Irene Jung and Brynn Tomie of Bedford, Courtney Balcome of Lawrencetown, and Olivia Driscoll of Halifax.

Jung, only 14-years old, led the team shooting plus-5 after two rounds, good enough for sixth

place out of 113 golfers. In July Jung, who golfs out of The Links at Penn Hills, won the Nova Scotia Golf Association's junior championship.

The provincial boys team of Eric Locke of Granby, Digby, Ally Tidcombe of Wolfville and Luke Dempsey and Sean Stuart of Bedford, currently sit in fifth place with a score of plus-12.

Ahead of Nova Scotia are Alberta at plus-10, British Columbia at plus-7 and Quebec at plus-4, but first place Ontario has pulled far away from the pack with a score of minus-9.

Individually Eric Locke led the way shooting an even round, which tied him for 14th place of the 156 golfers taking part.

Skoze aiming for title

Defending Superbike champ hopes to hang on to lead

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Defending champ Jordan Szoke could all but wrap up his fifth Parts Canada Superbike Championship in Shubenacadie this weekend.

But he'll have to fight off second-place Kevin Lacombe, who nearly died on the course years ago but has dominated it ever since.

The Szoke/Lacombe competition promises to be a central storyline as the Superbike Championship prepares for a doubleheader at Atlantic Motorsport Park, rounds five and six out of the seven-round national series.

"I've got mixed emotions about the track. It's a fun track as a rider, as a racer it's very stressful and tough because it's hard to pass someone here," said Szoke, of Brantford, Ont.

"It's tight and everyone is going pretty much the same speed, so it's really, really hard to overtake."

Szoke is gunning for his third consecutive national Superbike title, and the fifth overall in his career. He comes into the doubleheader 38 points ahead of Kevin Lacombe of Granby, Que. A win is worth 50 points.

But the challenger Lacombe has been wildly successful at AMP. He won in 2004, 2005 and 2006 to go along with a couple runner-up finishes. All this after a crash ten years ago nearly killed him on that very track.

"I went off the track and there was a big hill of dirt. They were supposed to move it but they didn't ... I hit the hill and the bike hit me," he said.

His heart actually stopped twice and he fell



EVAN TRAINOR/METRO HALIFAX

Ontario's Jordan Szoke discusses this weekend's Parts Canada Superbike Championship races in Shubenacadie during a press conference in Halifax yesterday.

into a coma. But he's been dominant at the course ever since recovering. He chalks it up to training and familiarizing himself with the distinct traits. He also says it's much less dangerous after some renovations.

"Now it's safer, they moved a wall ... it's got a lot of bumps but the speed

is slower so I find it really safe compared to some tracks we went to," said Lacombe.

Still, he's got a ways to go to catch Szoke, who could become the first rider since Steve Crevier in the early 1990s to win three straight championships. A fifth win would move him within one of

Crevier's record of six.

Now he's just hoping to hold onto his lead over the final three races.

"I'd love to go out there and win every race, but as you get older you get wiser. Our focus at Kawasaki is to have the number one plate. We're well on our way, we've just got to be smart," said Szoke.

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The nectarine is a relative of the peach and may be used interchangeably in recipes. Nectarines are not quite as juicy as peaches, the flesh is a little firmer and the skin is smoother. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

"To pick a perfect peach, look for a creamy gold or yellow skin and a pleasant aroma. A rosy-red blush is indicative of certain varieties, not ripeness."

Barb Holland/for Metro Canada



For full flavour

Avoid peaches, nectarines or apricots with even a touch of green which indicates they were picked too soon and will never ripen to their characteristic sweet flavour.

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À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

Juicy, ripe peaches are one of the pleasures of summer. Sweet and flavourful, peaches (nectarines and apricots too) are tender fruit that are at their best when picked ripe and plump. This is also when they are most fragile. The best place to eat these fruits is in the orchard, having just plucked a sun-ripened fruit from the tree. As these sweet delicacies do not stand up to shipping, they are often harvested underripe. The sugars stop developing as soon as the fruit is picked, so try to buy as close to the source as possible. Ripening firm fruit at home will make them softer and juicier, but not sweeter. Ontario is the largest producer of peaches (about 85 per cent) and nectarines (about 95 per cent), with

the remaining grown in British Columbia's Okanagan Valley. The Okanagan is noted for its apricot crop.

Warm Peach and Blueberry Tarts with Custard

These open-faced tarts are best served warm. If using puff pastry sheets, just thaw and cut each into 6 equal size squares. Makes 12 tarts.

INGREDIENTS:

Custard:

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulated sugar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) cornstarch
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) milk
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) vanilla

Filling:

- 4 ripe but firm freestone peaches
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) fresh blueberries
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) granulated sugar

ed sugar

Pastry:

- 397 g pkg frozen puff pastry, thawed
- Freshly ground nutmeg

METHOD:

Custard: Combine sugar and cornstarch in a 2-cup (500 mL) glass measure. Gradually whisk in milk until smooth. Microwave at high 1-1/2 to 2 minutes, until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Stir at least once during cooking. In small bowl, lightly beat egg. Stir some of hot mixture into egg then whisk warmed egg into sauce. Microwave at medium 20 to 40 seconds or until thickened. Whisk partway through. Whisk in vanilla, set aside.

Preheat oven to 400F (200C). Peel peaches, by dipping in boiling water for 30 seconds; remove with a slotted spoon into cold water for another 30 seconds. Remove, slip off skin and thinly slice



Peaches, nectarines and apricots are all good sources of potassium, Vitamins A and C, are fat free and low in calories. Be sure to eat the skin for added fibre.

peaches. Toss gently with blueberries, lemon juice and sugar in bowl.

Roll out half the pastry on a lightly floured surface to a 12 x 8 inch (30 x 20 cm) rectangle. Cut pastry into six 4-inch (10 cm) squares. Place on parchment paper lined shallow rimmed baking sheet, spacing apart. Repeat with

remaining puff pastry, using 2 baking sheets.

Spoon fruit mixture in centre of pastry squares. Top each with about 2 tsp (10 mL) custard and a pinch of nutmeg. Bake 20 minutes or until pastry is puffed and golden. Rotate baking sheets partway through cooking. Cool baking sheets on wire

racks 5 minutes then gently loosen tarts to cooling racks. Serve warm or at room temperature with additional custard thinned with a little milk and warmed in the microwave, as needed.

Tips:

- Handle fruit gently, as they bruise easily. Sort fruit and use the softest fruit first. Bruised fruit spoils quickly and may cause other fruit to deteriorate. Wash fruit before eating, not before storing.
- Storage: Store at room temperature, out of direct sunlight. To encourage ripening, store peaches in a loosely closed paper bag. Once ripe, they'll keep in the refrigerator for a few days but remove before serving for the best flavour. Fruit is ready when it yields to gentle pressure.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Marty's world-famous café creations

Have you tasted the best butterscotch in the world? Well, unless you have been to Marty's World Famous Café in Muskoka, Ont., you haven't tasted anything that comes even close — the Lonely Planet series of guidebooks says so. Now in Marty's World Famous Cookbook, Marty Curtis is finally giving away the secret recipe for this delectable tart and a

wide array of recipes for other amazing fare you can also find at his legendary café. Whitecap Books gave Metro this recipe for these fruity, moist muffins:

Lemon, Blueberry, and Cream Cheese Muffins

There's often a lineup for these one-of-a-kind muffins. They're easy to make, too. You can substi-

tute blueberries for equal amounts of raspberries, strawberries, or blackberries for an entirely new muffin experience.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/3 cups granulated sugar
- 3 tsp baking powder
- one 250 g package low-fat cream cheese

- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cups vegetable oil
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1-2 Tbsp lemon rind
- 1 cup frozen blueberries
- Glaze:
- 1 Tbsp lemon rind
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1 1/2 cups icing sugar

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 365°F. Grease a 6-large-cup muffin pan or Marty's Butterscotch Pan with oil.

For the muffins, in a bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar, and baking powder.

Warm a knife in hot water, cut the cream cheese into julienne strips, and then cross-cut into pea-size bits. Warm the knife regularly for smooth cuts. Add cream cheese to the dry ingredients. Break up the bits by stirring with the head of a whisk.

In another bowl, whisk the eggs, then whisk in the oil, then the milk and lemon rind and juice. Add to the dry ingredients and

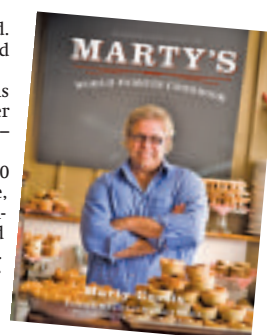


There's often a lineup in Marty's World Famous Café for these one-of-a-kind muffins.

fold until just combined. Add the blueberries, and fold gently.

Fill the prepared pans with batter to just under the top line. Bake for 30-35 minutes.

Cool in the pan for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, make the glaze by combining the lemon rind and juice with the icing sugar. Add a touch of hot water if the glaze needs to be thinner. Brush over the muffins.



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Idol hopes

Nova Scotia's Mitch MacDonald survived another elimination round on Canadian Idol, making it into the Top Six of the popular television series. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Entertainment

Chefs' cook off

Five Nova Scotia chefs are preparing meals today at James Beard House in New York City. Among those creating dinners are *fidCuisine's* Dennis Johnston, *Chives'* Craig Flinn, *Fleur de Sel's* Martin Ruiz, *Tempest's* Michael Howell, and consulting chef Ray Bear. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Dancing to a classical beat

Halifax-based musician's new album merges genres but always keeps the love

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It is going to be a busy two weeks for Halifax-based Aaron Collier. The musician is set to release his first solo full-length album tomorrow — and is getting married next weekend.

So, which is he more nervous about?

"That's a good question," laughs Collier, who is engaged to former Canadian Idol contestant Richie Wilcox. "Currently, the release, but once that is over, I am on to the marriage."

It seems only fitting the classically trained pianist's album of electronic music is called *Love*.

"I met Ritchie shortly before I put out an EP, called *Islands*, and this is a more mature take on that.



Aaron Collier is releasing his new CD, *Love*, at the Bus Stop Theatre tomorrow night.

Ritchie was there for that, and he has been supportive all the way along."

Love was created by Collier — a member of the Jimmy Swift Band — over

the last two years. It was completed after he received a grant from the

Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage this winter.

"I write in my bedroom. I have a studio in there and that is where I make my electronic creations," he said. "When the time was right I would start working on the competitions and then put them together."

"The songs took various forms over those two years. Some of them were written early on, and are in the same form they started it. Others have been reworked four or five times."

Collier said the title of the album is an umbrella that ties the songs together. It is not an album of love songs or sentimental

ballads, but is sonically lush — a combination of his musical education and his love of modern electronic music.

"My compositions are rooted in dance music but they don't have the same high-energy, never-ending tension, appeal and heaviness as music has these days."

"They come from my love of classical music, and my love of subtlety, and more delicate matters," he added. "They represent the people in my life, and the things I love to do with my life. It is a love of my life to create the music, too."

information

- What: Aaron Collier CD Release
- Where: The Bus Stop Theatre, 2203 Gottingen St.
- When: Tomorrow, 10 p.m.
- Tickets: \$8. Available at the door.

Busking it to the street

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America's Got Talent has changed the way event managers — like the ones with the Halifax International Busker Festival — book and find performers, said Billy Comer.

"I have every show on tape," said the director of the local festival. "It's like work for me. I sit and watch, and pay attention to acts, even the ones who get an X. There are things that will work for out festival that may not work on a TV show like that."

This year's busker festival — it starts tonight —



The Calypso Tumblers are among the acts appearing at this year's Halifax International Busker Festival.

features past contestants on the show, as well as local performers and talent from around the world.

Among those appearing at the 10-day event on the Halifax waterfront are the Calypso Tumblers, who made it into the Top 10 of America's Got Talent, the all-female Aerial Angels,

and breakdancer Luca "Lazy Legs" Patuelli.

Patuelli, who has wowed audiences last year with the group Illmatic Styles, was born with arthrogryposis, a disorder that affects his bone structure and muscular growth from the waist down.

some of the acts

- **Unity Living Status:** With 14 years experience, and a decade working at Disney's Epcot Centre, Unity Production's living statues have a knack for incorporating audience members into their classical poses and graceful movements.
- **Victor Rubilar:** A freestyle soccer juggler with four world records, Rubilar will go for a fifth, which will be when he juggles numerous footballs and performs magic and acrobatics.
- **Ill-abilities:** This international breakdance crew, made up of dancers with some physical limitations, was founded by Montreal's Luca "Lazy Legs" Patuelli. His team shows the world that anything is possible if you keep an open mind.
- **Calypso Tumblers:** An accomplished gymnastic and acrobatic team, members of the Calypso Tumblers were among the acts that made it into the Top Ten of America's Got Talent last year.
- **Aerial Angels:** This high-flying all-female troupe performs feats of grace, beauty and strength off aerial hoops and hanging lengths of silk.

Entertainment in brief

MUSIC Eastern Passage-based country singer TimWho? will celebrate the release of his new CD project *Believe* this



TimWho?

Friday with a performance aboard the privateer schooner *Liana's Ransom*. A video of the performance will be broadcast on the sails of the ship. Admission is free, and people are invited to gather at the waterfront boardwalk behind

The Lower Deck at 10:30 p.m.

ART Each Friday in August, Argyle Fine Art in Historic Properties will be hosting some spontaneous lunch art, with local artists creating works on site and a lunch being served to patrons. The early afternoon event takes place between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., and lunch costs \$6 to \$8. People needed pre-order, and information on meals is available each Wednesday at argylefa.tk. Call 425-9456 to reserve.

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Actor Laurence Fishburne is close to signing a deal to join CBS' *CSI*. Fishburne will play a doctor/scientist who comes into the *CSI* as an outsider, and not as a new boss. **TVGUIDE.COM**

Newman hits funny bone

CDReviews

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Randy Newman

Album: Harps and Angels
Label: Nonesuch/Warner
Release date: August 5
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

WE'RE DEALING

with Randy Newman here, one of the best American songwriters of the last 50 years. So it goes without saying that this is a great record. It'll have you laughing out loud as he encounters a clerical error at the gates of heaven (Harps and Angels) or bidding adieu to the Great American Empire on A Few Words In Defense Of Our Country. We never had to be convinced that Randy is a very funny guy, though. Maybe, on his first studio album in nearly 10 years, we could have done with a few more tugs at the heart-

strings (Feels Like Home, Losing You) and a little less of the gags.

Graham Rockingham

Oxford Collapse

Album: Bits
Label: Merge
Release date: August 5
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

WITH SO MANY

indie rock orchestras, or frenetic hand-clap obsessed foursomes out there, it's refreshing to hear an act that can just slap on the distortion and rock out. And if anyone knows the art of keeping it simple, it's Oxford Collapse. The Brooklyn band's fourth disc is a fantastic pop record that'll make you nostalgic for '90s acts like The Hardship Post or The New Grand. While it's fast and basic - there are plenty of speedy drums and furious downstrokes - it's also incredibly contagious.

Bryan Borzykowski

Brazilian Girls

Album: New York City
Label: Verve/Universal
Release date: August 5
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

ULTRA-HIP MU-

SIC to go with a Manhattan fashion ensemble of black-berets, skinny-jeans, over-roasted coffee and all things European. Multi-lingual vocalist Sabina Sciuba pours the cabaret accents on thick while drummer Aaron Johnston and keyboardist/programmer Didi Gutman provide dance rhythms for people too cool to lift their feet. This album works best when it doesn't take itself too seriously, like on the playful Losing Myself, which could easily have fit on a mid-80s record by the B-52s. Otherwise, vinyl skipping and subway clacking sometimes substitute for creativity. Brazilian Girls is not for the pharmaceutically chal-

lenged. **Graham Rockingham**

Conor Oberst

Album: Self-titled
Label: Merge
Release date: August 5
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

IT'S SURPRIS-

ING THAT after all these years making music under his Bright Eyes moniker that Conor Oberst would release an album under his own name. Everyone knows that Oberst is the brains behind his band, and he often plays alone. But this is somewhat of a fresh start - here he plays some of his most spare and intimate tunes of his career. It's also not the emo-indie rock we're used to; the tracks are full-out alt-country. While it's interesting, others are doing this better. Bright Eyes fans will like it, but Americana aficionados should hear a few tracks first.

Bryan Borzykowski

Castlemusic

Album: You Can't Take Anyone
Label: Blug Fog/Sonic Unyon
Release date: August 5
Rating: ⓈⓈⓈ

IF YOU'RE

LOOKING for a dreamy, minimalist pop fix then be sure to check out Toronto's Castlemusic. Essentially a solo project for Jennifer Castle, the new disc is a soft, mostly guitar-based collection of attractive tunes. While it's all hauntingly spare, the best songs enlist Ryan Driver on backup vocals, which adds a much-needed second layer to the bare bones tracks. Not every song works, but for the most part Castle's tunes are intriguing, contagious and a great next step.

Bryan Borzykowski

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The Killers

Killers disc to be titled Day and Age

MOVIES The Killers' next album will be called Day and Age, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Las Vegas rockers will release their long-awaited third album in November with the expected title reportedly coming from the lyrics of what is likely to be one of their next singles, Neon Tiger.

Stuart Price, a collaborator of Madonna who previously worked with the band when he remixed Mr. Brightside, has produced their new album, the follow up to 2006's Sam's Town. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Shia shoots into rehab
Actor Shia Labeouf will check into rehab to help his chances of beating a drunk-driving conviction, according to reports. The star suffered hand injuries and was charged with driving under the influence after a car crash in Hollywood on July 27. **IMDB.COM**



ABOVE: HRM Councillor Dawn Sloane, left, with Tina Jennings, Rebecca Cairns, and Nathan Cairns at the Joel Plaskett concert at Alderney Landing.



ABOVE: Ontarians Ian and Jennifer Pocock enjoying Maritime hospitality on the Lower Deck patio.



RIGHT: Noah Tye and Jayme Lynn Butt take a stroll along the Halifax Waterfront.



LEFT: Sleeping on the job? Q104's Scotty Mars with Rebecca Myers broadcasting his show live from Queen's Landing.



ABOVE: Meeting the family: Carmen Hankewich, left, and Trevor Hankewich, right, in from Saskatoon to visit their brother Chris and fiancée Carrie Thornhill.



ABOVE: Katie Murray and Nasir Zaman on the Dartmouth waterfront waiting for Joel Plaskett.



ABOVE: Cameron McIntyre and Heather MacKay take advantage of a brief moment of sunshine Monday afternoon on the Halifax waterfront.



ABOVE: Jody Crane and Shelley Rogers watching Joel Plaskett from the Alexander Keith's Beer Tent on the Dartmouth waterfront.

Fun times on dreary days

Call it the Great Natal Day Washout. The weekend had such great promise for your man on The Scene, but many of those washed away with the torrents of rain that fell non-stop between Thursday and Monday.

Rain-dampened fans by the thousands packed Alderney Landing for a coming home party of sorts. Joel Plaskett rocked the Dartmouth side of the harbour with a concert showcasing his latest release, *Ashtray Rock*. About 3,000 people braved the fog to sing along to the songs about being a teenager in Clayton Park. The show was a family affair for Plaskett, who had his father join him on stage. His mother was in the audience, and his wife stood offstage trying to keep dry. Also seen during the evening was *Ashtray Rock*'s producer, Gordie Johnson, the former lead singer

of Big Sugar — unmistakable in his big black hat!

Over in Halifax, it was steamy in the Schooner Room at Casino Nova Scotia, with Jullly Black ripping up the stage. The Toronto-based R&B siren is everywhere these days thanks to her hit 7 Day Fool. Her sultry performance had fans sweating as they danced in their seats! If Black's name sounds familiar, it should. This multi-talented performer is now a regular correspondent on CTV's *E-Talk* entertainment show and had a busy weekend in Nova Scotia. After blowing the roof off the casino, it was onto the New Glasgow Riverfront Jubilee.

While thousands flocked to Moncton to see the Eagles in the

rain at Magnetic Hill Saturday night, thousands remained to catch 90's boy band The Backstreet Boys at the Metro Centre. Even after all these years, the Boys can still solicit ear-piercing screams!

Mayor Peter Kelly put on a show of his own at two of the city's municipal beaches. For the first time in over 30 years, life-guards were posted at Blackrock beach and the Dingle. To demonstrate how well his Harbour Solutions Project has done, His Worship (along with various other councillors and daredevils) took the plunge at the first annual KOOL-FM Beach Party. I am happy to report that no one emerged with a third appendage or a pale green glow. The skies broke just long

enough for me to salvage a bit of Natal Day Monday. Between the thunderstorms, I managed to make my way downtown and check out the entertainment on the Halifax waterfront. Fleetwood Mac tribute band Gypsy was in full gear when I arrived, and the tent was full of folks tired of the rain and ready to party. The Lower Deck was in the same frame of mind and ready to give it! The parade wrapped up across the harbour, the skies opened up, and the Bridge Walk just missed being hit by lightning. My Scene Spies tell me that the fireworks off the bridge may have been a washout this year, but the city has been given a "rain check" and next year promises to be double spectacular!

Jamie Patterson would love to make a deal to cover your event for The Scene. Just e-mail me at beatlejamie@eastlink.ca.

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Jamie Paterson



Show gets Practice

Actor Grant Show has signed on to appear in an early Season 2 episode of ABC's *Private Practice*, sources said. His character, a charming and flirtatious doctor, is said to have ties to a *Practice* regular. **EW.COM**

Freeman divorcing

BREAKUP Morgan Freeman is divorcing his wife of 24 years, imdb.com reports his attorney as having confirmed.

Freeman, 71, denied allegations he was splitting from his wife Myrna Colley-Lee in June after reports alleged the Oscar-winning actor had been unfaithful.

But just days after Freeman was involved in a serious car accident at the weekend, his Mississippi-based lawyer and business partner Bill Luckett have confirmed the split.

In a statement, Luckett says the former couple "are involved in a divorce action," adding, "for legal and practical purposes

(Freeman and Colley-Lee) have been separated since December of 2007."

Freeman was involved in the wreckage with a female passenger, identified as Demaris Meyer, whose relationship to the actor is unknown. She has been described as the actor's friend.

Both Freeman and Meyer had to be cut free from the car, before they were airlifted to a Tennessee hospital where the star has undergone surgery for serious injuries to his left arm and shoulder.

Meyer reportedly suffered only minor injuries in the crash but remains "in good condition."

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Entertainment in brief

MOVIES The Dark Knight smashed yet another Hollywood record as it cleared the \$400-million US domestic box office mark in 18 days, less than half the time it took *Shrek 2* to reach that milestone, Warner Bros. Pictures said. The film amassed \$6.3 million Monday to bring its domestic tally to \$400.03 million. **REUTERS**

BOOKS Steven Tyler is set to release his autobiography after the bosses of book company HarperCollins won an auction to publish the memoirs, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Aerosmith front man is expected to reveal all about his past heroin addiction and ongoing issues with substance abuse in the book. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

U.S. networks mock marriage: Watchdog

U.S. television shows undermine marriage with negative references and by depicting sex between unmarried partners nearly four times more often than wedded couples, a TV watchdog group has said.

The conservative Parents Television Council released a report titled *Happily Never After* that found the greatest frequency of references to sex outside marriage were during evening prime-time viewing hours, when children are most likely to be watching.

The council said it was not advocating for more depictions of married couples having sex, but it would like to see more positive depictions of matrimony.

"The anti-marriage bias in some of these programs is so transparent it's almost comical," said Melissa Henson, a spokeswoman for the nonprofit group.

Henson singled out a sto-



The Parents Television Council points out *Desperate Housewives* as a TV show that depicts sex between unmarried couples.

ryline in the ABC comedy *Desperate Housewives*, in which a husband and wife get divorced and then reignite their relationship by having sex together as divorcees — and enjoying it more.

The group examined all scripted prime-time TV shows on the major broadcast networks for four weeks in the fall.

It found ABC had the most references to marital

sex of any network, but many of these were negative.

But TV Watch, a coalition that several broadcast networks participate in, discounted the study's methods and findings.

"What we're talking about is subjective, and it's subjective for parents depending on their values and their kids' age," said Jim Dyke, executive director of TV Watch. **REUTERS**

5th Grader heads to syndication

TELEVISION The Fox quiz show *Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?* is moving into syndication.

Twentieth Television is expected to announce shortly that it will debut a syndicated version in fall 2009. Comedian Jeff Foxworthy, who hosts the prime-time version, is expected to take the reins.

A representative for Twentieth, the Fox corporate sibling that handles syndication, declined comment. But the distributor was known to have been developing a syndicated version of the show for several months.

NBC Universal is launching a syndicated version of NBC's *Deal or No Deal* in September.

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Pearl Harbor: Who Fired First
Was the attack on Pearl Harbor for no reason? Or was it in retaliation for something the United States did? After finding a sunken Japanese submarine, the filmmakers wondered if the U.S. attacked Japan prior to the Pearl Harbor air assault. This special examines that theory. 9 PM ON HISTORY



Flashpoint
A serial bank robber takes hostages when his latest attempt at theft fails in the new episode "Who's George?" Parker's (Enrico Colantoni) investigation reveals that the guy is a copycat and not the real Monday Morning Robber. The last hostage is someone the thief personally knows and dislikes, so the situation is a ticking time bomb. 8 PM ON C/JCH; 11 PM ON CBS

So You Think You Can Dance
The votes are in, and tonight we learn which contestant becomes America's new favorite dancer, joining season one winner Nick Lazzarini, season two champ Benji Schimmer and season three victor Sabra Johnson. Of course, the judges will have one last chance to critique the finalists before the winner is crowned. Cat Deeley hosts the festivities. 9 PM ON C/JCH FOX

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	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Fortune Jeopardy!	The Collector	Beijing 2008 Preview (N)	CBC News: The National	Bons baisers de France (SC)	Le Téléjournal		
	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Coronation St.	Des squelettes	Gars fille	Perdus (SC)	Héros "L'Homme de main"	Flashpoint (N)		
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	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	Les Tontons farceurs ** (1965, Comédie)	Jerry Lewis	Last Comic Standing (Season Finale) (N)	Big Brother 10	Flashpoint (N)		
	69	69	CTM	TVA 18 heures	Suré-salé	The Office	The Office	So You Think You Can Dance Winner revealed.	Podium TV	News (N)		
	6	6	CHF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)		Podium TV	EastLink Television	News (N)		
	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy!			Podium TV	EastLink Television	News (N)		
	10	10	ELTV	(6) EastLink Television				Podium TV	EastLink Television	News (N)		
	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	So You Think You Can Dance Winner revealed.	Podium TV	News (N)		
	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Last Comic Standing (Season Finale) (N)	America's Got Talent (N)			
	29	29	NW	BBC World	Business	CBC News	Our World	The Hour	CBC News: The National	Wild China		
	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Healthy Heart Yoga	Business Rpt.	BBC World	Chasing Churchill: In Search	Stay Rich Forever & Ever With Ed Slott			
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	23	23	BNN	Stars & Dogs	Business News	Market Call	Market Call	Strictly Legal	Boom Oil	Taking Stock	Market Call	
	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room	Lou Dobbs Tonight			CNN Election Center	Larry King Live	Cooper 360		
	54	54	GOLF	U.S. Open Golf Highlights	Live From the PGA Championship (Live)			Live From the PGA Championship				
	52	52	RSE	Prime Time Sports	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Toronto Blue Jays, From Rogers Centre in Toronto.			Live From the PGA Championship				
	55	55	SCOR	Hockey Talk	Game On	Cabby Unlimit	TBA	To Be Announced				
	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips	Pinks	Pass Time (N)		Pinks - All Out (HDTV) (N)				
	53	53	TSN	Golf: PGA Championship	CFL Football Toronto Argonauts at Hamilton Tiger-Cats. (HDTV) (Live)			Pinks - All Out (HDTV) (N)				
	43	43	FAM	Zoe 101	Life Derek	That's Raven	Smart Guy	Han, Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School		
	44	44	TOON	Gleen	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Tom & Jerry	Total Drama	Futurama	Joe's Apart.		
	26	26	TREE	Fifi-Floretots	Backyardigans	Ni Hao, Kai-Han	Night Grdn	The Wiggles	Franklin	Comfy Couch		
	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	H2O, Just Add	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Fries That?	Futurama	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach
	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami "Lost Son"			The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48 (HDTV)		The First 48
	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	From the Spirit	From the Spirit	Reel Insights "Thin Ice"		The Journey David Gill. (N)		Highlight
	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)		Hell Date		Black Carpet	Baldwin Hills	Vampire in Brooklyn ** (1995, Comedy)		
	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal	From the Spirit	Beyond-Screen		Hamlet Development.		Deconstructing Harry *** (1997)		
	97	97	CLT	Help TV	The West Wing			The Waiting Game (1998, Drama)	Paula Abdul, Art Hindle.	Traders		
	25	25	CMT	Ultimate "Cameos"				Karaoke Star "Edmonton, AB"	Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	
	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comics!	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	Reality Bites
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	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		How William Shatner Changed the World			MythBusters	
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	48	48	OLN	Don't Forget Your Passport	Exploration	Coltrane's Britain		Mark Williams' Big Bangs		Don't Forget		
	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Single: Monica				
	206	206	PIX	(6:30) Balance of Power *	(8:15) The Rare Breed *** (1966, Western)			Lethal Weapon *** (1987, Action)				
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	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Intelligence	G-Spot	Exes & Ohs	Secret Diary	
	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Rich Bride, Poor Bride	Last 10	Bulging Brides	Biggest Loser	
	47	47	SPACE	Relic Hunter	Stargate SG-1 "Heroes"	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Earthstorm (2006, Science Fiction)			
	14	14	SPICE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	eTalk	Katie & Peter: Next Chapter	Tonight Show	
	98	98	STAR	Star-at Movies	Star Treatment	LA Ink "Skate Ramp"		Battleground Earth	American Chopper (HDTV) (N)	Miami Ink (N)		
	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Inside Hollywood (DVS)		ET Canada	What Happen?	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Partir
	56	56	34	TROP	Tube Tales	Vanity Insanity		Fun-Funeral	Keeping Up	The Amazing Captain Nemo *** (1978)		
	20	20	TVS	Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire		Fun-Funeral	Keeping Up	The Amazing Captain Nemo *** (1978)		
	28	28	V	Emily of New Moon	Murder, She Wrote	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Open House
	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Divine Design	House	Confidential	Save Us-House	Open House
	251	251	WGN	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	TwoHalf Men	Family Guy	Smallville "Veritas"		Supernatural (HDTV)		WGN News

Designer Tommy Hilfiger's wedding has been called off, just days before the ceremony was due to take place. He was set to marry Dee Ocleppo on the Caribbean island of Mustique tomorrow. The split is said to be amicable. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Jen may eye parenthood with John

RELATIONSHIPS Jennifer Aniston is so head-over-heels in love, she's convinced for the first time since her marriage crumbled in 2005 that the time is right for her to finally become a mother, starmagazine.com reports. "She feels so loved," says the friend of the actress' relationship with singer John Mayer. "John has really been doting on her. I mean, the presents, phone calls, romantic dinners — he's laying it on thick. It all makes Jen feel really important and special."

Aniston reportedly feels that after all she has been through watching her ex-husband Brad Pitt's family with actress Angelina Jolie grow,

she'd love for Pitt to see photos of her holding her own baby.

"Jen feels so strongly that John is 'the one,'" says a source. "She knows he can handle being a dad."

Aniston's rep, meanwhile, is speaking out against reports that she is set to wed Mayer this fall. "She is not getting married," the rep said.

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Scarlett's all for Canada

RELATIONSHIPS Scarlett Johansson, who in May announced her engagement to Canadian-born actor Ryan Reynolds, says she's eager to become an honorary Canadian — and hopefully pass through the border quickly from now on, People.com reports.

"I'm very excited," the actress said. "I've had wonderful times

in Canada. It's a lovely country and hopefully I'll be able to get through immigration faster now!"

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celebrity brief

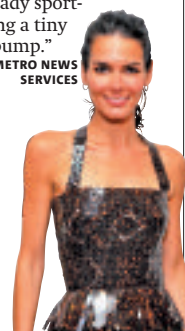
Angie pregnant with No. 3

BABY NEWS Angie Harmon is prepping for baby No. 3, starmagazine.com reports.

The actress is three and half months along with her third child. She already has two daughters, Finley, 4, and Avery, 3, with retired football player Jason Sehorn.

"She is over the moon and glowing," a source said. "And because the actress is so thin she is already sporting a tiny bump."

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Keira out to prove smarts

PEOPLE "I am completely uneducated."

That's Keira Knightley, talking to Tatler about how her lack of higher learning has made her more determined to expand her knowledge base, [MSN Entertainment](http://MSN-Entertainment) reports.

"Not going to university did give me an incredible driving force because it leaves you with a slight chip on your shoulder," the actress admits. "It makes me feel I am going to read absolutely everything so I can prove that I am not stupid."

Among the high-brow tomes on Knightley's

celebrity brief

Leona working on fashion line

RUMOUR Leona Lewis is set to launch her own fashion line, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer is due to meet Sir Philip Green, the owner of British high street chain Topshop, about designing her own collection.

Lewis has said she would like to design non-leather shoes and bags.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Scarlett Johansson wants to become a Canadian? Easy

peasey, Scar. Just wait for somebody to step on your foot, then apologize to them. This, plus getting a hockey haircut, will automatically qualify you for Canadian citizenship.

In all fairness to the TV executive who told **Anna Friel** to lay off the doughnuts, he had just watched her scream, "You! You! Git in ma belly!" at a Krispy Kreme.

Leona Lewis wants to design "animal-friendly" bags. I have an extremely animal-friendly hockey bag in my attic. A raccoon had babies inside it. I'm mailing it to her tomorrow.

Kudos to **Jennifer Aniston**. She knows that of all the time-honoured reasons for deciding to have a child, perhaps the most beautiful and life-affirming of all is the desire to prove to your faithless ex-husband and the home-wrecking trollop he ran off with that you, too, can produce offspring and sell the visual evidence to *People* magazine for tens of millions of dollars. It brings a tear to my eye. The money, that is.

Katie Holmes has said recently she's just a normal girl. This tells me just one thing: **Tom Cruise** needs to get somebody to look at his wireless "Katie-Controller" system. What's the use of surgically altering your wife's appearance if the chip in her head goes on the fritz and she escapes?

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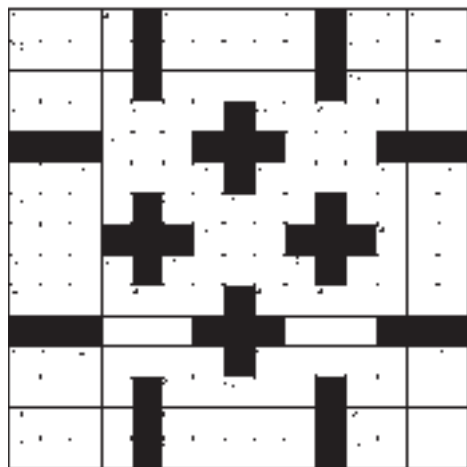
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New baby for Bice

American Idol rocker Bo Bice and his wife Carolyn welcomed their second child together, a son named Caleb, Tuesday in Nashville, Tenn. The couple are also parents to son Aidan, who will be three in September. **E! NEWS ONLINE**



Take Five



Crossword down

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Iditarod terminus | 31 Good, to Juan |
| 2 Foster a felon | 32 Edgar — Poe |
| 3 Gripper | 33 Nervous swallows |
| 4 Kind of sale | 36 Barbie's friend |
| 5 Raiment | 42 Floods |
| 6 Claw badly | 43 Broad-minded |
| 7 Sofa end | 44 Rougher, as fabric |
| 8 Enthusiasm | 45 Punier |
| 9 Made a try | 47 Princess Leia's love |
| 10 Stands up for | 49 Call — cab |
| 11 Joie de vivre | 52 Brought to maturity |
| 12 Cellar, briefly | 53 Quartet minus one |
| 13 Jeans partners | 54 Unable to decide |
| 21 Remind too often | 55 Carvey of "Wayne's World" |
| 23 Stogie with bangs | 56 Office assistant |
| 26 Glitterati member | 57 Seep |
| 27 Safari sight | 58 Director — Ephron |
| 28 Auspices | 59 Footnote abbr. (2 wds.) |
| 29 Thumb, e.g. | 62 Popular pet |
| 30 Parties | |

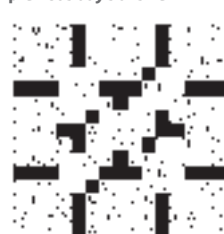
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Crossword across

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Suit color | 26 Not the same |
| 5 Surprise greatly | 30 Horse's "lunchbox" |
| 10 Mortgage or car loan | 34 Gazed at |
| 14 Emmy relative | 35 Delighted in |
| 15 Fixes potatoes | 37 Kirk's helmsman |
| 16 Otherwise | 38 Limb |
| 17 Southwest vista | 39 Understand |
| 18 Mountain lions | 40 Pipe fitting |
| 19 Starlet's aspiration | 41 Novelist — Bagnold |
| 20 Adjective for Rome | 43 Flax product |
| 22 Bewails | 45 Cold spell |
| 24 Flair for music | 46 Single (2 wds.) |
| 25 Poetic adverb | 48 Beeps |

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|---------------------------|
| 50 Chemist's hangout |
| 51 Ms. Arthur |
| 52 In sync |
| 56 Mother-of-pearl source |
| 60 Hot rum drink |
| 61 Half diameters |
| 63 Raid |
| 64 Emerald Isle |
| 65 Battery terminal |
| 66 "Rabbi Ben —" |
| 67 Puts on |
| 68 Tavern brew |
| 69 Not fake |

previous day's answer



This day in history

AUG. 7, 1679: The brigantine Le Griffon, commissioned by René Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, is towed to the south-eastern end of the Niagara River, to become the first ship to sail the upper Great Lakes of North America.

AUG. 7, 1945: U.S. President Harry Truman announces the bombing of Hiroshima with an atomic bomb while returning from the Potsdam Conference aboard the heavy cruiser USS Augusta (CA-31) in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean.

AUG. 7, 2007: Barry Bonds of the San Francisco Giants breaks baseball great Hank Aaron's record by hitting his 756th home run.

STICKELERS
Terry Stickels

What's the missing number based on the logic found in the first four boxes?

3	7	2
4	1	8

5	11	8
6	3	9

1	20	21
14	2	15

46	12	13
26	23	24

1	8	9
10	7	6

Yesterday's Answer
The words are verb and adverb.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

2	4	6	8	3	1	9	5	7
5	7	1	2	9	4	3	6	8
8	3	9	6	7	5	2	1	4
6	8	4	1	2	9	7	3	5
7	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	1
9	1	5	7	8	3	4	2	6
4	9	7	5	6	2	1	8	3
1	5	2	3	4	8	6	7	9
3	6	8	9	1	7	5	4	2

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar

Horoscopes

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

A slothful friend makes a break with the past. Creative people will achieve their objectives. A hot romance will be put on hold.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Money is coming from a strange place. Don't give up when a fantasy seems unattainable. A sweetheart gets rewards for fair play.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

Be more professional on the job. Unfinished business returns to haunt you. You have an overpowering urge to take immediate action.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

A man has solutions to serious problems. A message sets the framework for romance. A manic friend gives you some wacky inspiration.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Make an agreement when a friend is in need. Someone cries the blues about being neglected. Discreditable dealings start to dissipate.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Excellent treatment creates a welcoming mood. A radical change in surroundings is needed. Don't look for love in the wrong places.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Don't hesitate to settle a dispute. A bitter conflict leads to a sweet resolution. Playing games with worthy opponents will lead to victory.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Allow yourself to play out a hunch. A therapist has much to offer. Carelessness leads to strong words.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Insight is gained from an intimate encounter. Walk with a friend who feels miserable. A brat interferes with your concentration.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Careless friend's dented ego. Someone wants to look at your confidential material. A strange creature provokes your curiosity.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Soon you'll be sure that you've found the right one. Your actions make a difference in someone's life. You'll cheer up after a chat.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Anticipate a brief power battle in the morning. Don't walk away from a winning situation. A reckless woman makes an error.

Sudoku

		7					1	
3	1						5	4
		5	2				9	3
6				9	8		2	
				6				
	2		1	7				3
	4	6			7	3		
1	7						4	9
	9					2		

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Tonight



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Friday



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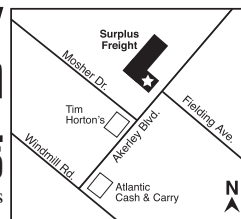
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